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Dear Mr. Policoff:

Thank you for your letter of June 4.

Deleting that material from the book review in question involved routine editing in line with a long-standing policy of our paper.

Our book reviewers are granted full freedom to write whatever they wish about the books and authors they are dealing with, but we do not permit personalized editorials in the book columns.

The same reviewer would be free to write the same thing for the editorial page, the op-ed page or the Sunday Magazine, but the book columns are not intended for that kind of editorializing.

Sincerely,

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